

(Private.)

W.S. Elliott, Jan 31, '31

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I send you herewith an official request for the selection of additional Commissioners for the annual assay to be held on the 12th proximo. I would take the liberty of suggesting that the number should be three, as it was last year. If I may also take the liberty of proposing suitable persons for the duty, I would name

Dr. Charles Elliott, a gentleman of science and high standing, — brother-in-law of Mr. Forsyth.

Charles Macalister Esq. one of our most prominent men, as you know, in the money market, and who may be considered as the representative of that interest.

Professor Robert Hare, who stands at the head of the chemists in this city, and who would therefore be a very proper person to judge of an operation which is chiefly chemical.

The two first of these gentlemen are members of the democratic party, — the third is not. If this be thought as sufficient

applies to Prof. Hare, I would then name

Dr. Franklin Drake, late professor of Chemistry in the Franklin Institute.

R. M. P.

To Mr. Levi Woodbury }  
Sec. of Treasury }

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U.S. Mint,

January 31, 1838

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R.M.P.